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SKIN TEST FOR SCHIZOPHRENIA

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office are the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Response and Amendment.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 6, 2003. A Notice of Appeal and a three month Petition for Extension of Time and fee, extending the period for reply to November 6, 2003, were filed on November 6, 2003. The two month statutory time period to act following the filing of the Notice of Appeal expires on January 6, 2004. Thus, this Response is timely and is filed without further Petition for Extension of Time. In view of the following remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application. Upon the filing of this response, Applicants withdraw the Notice of Appeal dated November 6, 2003.

Please amend the captioned application as follows: